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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO YAMANI

REF: JIDDA 818

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

1. YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT SECRETARY PERSONALLY APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 24634 AND WANTED MESSAGE THEREIN CONVEYED TO YAMANI WITHOUT EDITING. IF YOU FELT STRONGLY THAT IT WOULD BE MISTAKE TO CONVEY PARTS OF IT, YOU OF COURSE COULD AND SHOULD HAVE REQUESTED MODIFICATION OF YOUR INSTRUCTIONS, AND YOUR DISSENTING VIEWS WOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN FULL CONSIDERATION.

2. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, YOU SHOULD SEEK EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY TO TELL YAMANI THAT REACTION HERE TO HIS STATEMENTS TO YOU ABOUT OUR APPROACH TO CONSUMER-PRODUCER COOPERATION WAS STRONGLY NEGATIVE. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT READING OF PUBLIC RECORD WOULD HAVE MADE CLEAR HIS CRITICISMS WERE UNJUSTIFIED. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT SECRETARY'S
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REACTION WAS CONSIDERABLY STRONGER AND YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

CONSIDERABLY TOUGHER THAN YOUR LETTER INDICATED.

3. WE FULLY AGREE THAT THERE SHOULD BE FRANKNESS IN
U.S.-SAUDI RELATIONS AND WE WOULD NOT WANT IT OTHERWISE,
BUT THIS SHOULD APPLY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AND NOT ONLY
TO WHAT SAUDIS SAY TO US.

4. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU LATER ABOUT YOUR
SUGGESTION FOR MEETING BETWEEN SECRETARY AND YAMANI.
MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVES BUT LET US
KNOW IF THIS IS PROPOSED FROM SAUDI SIDE. KISSINGER

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